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Grand Tour of Spain & Portugal - 16 Days – Price on request

Escorted Tour of Spain & Portugal 16 Days/14 Nights: 25 Meals, Extensive Sightseeing.

TOUR BY PRIVATE MOTORCOACH

1 Free Air and Land with every 16 paying travelers.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- **Round-trip Airfare from JFK** (low cost air add-ons available from other US cities)
- Meeting and assistance upon arrival.
- **14 Nights accommodations at 4-star centrally located Hotels** listed below.
- **Escorted Tour** by Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach: 2 Nights Madrid, 1 Night Salamanca, 1 Night Santiago, 2 Nights Oporto, 2 Nights Lisbon, 2 Nights Seville, 1 Night Granada, 1 Night Valencia, 2 Nights Barcelona
- Professional tour escort throughout
- **25 Meals:**
 - 14 Buffet Breakfasts
 - 5 Lunches
 - 6 Dinners
- **Extensive Sightseeing:** Madrid, Segovia, Avila, Vigo, Viana do Castelo, Porto, Aveiro, Fatima, Lisbon, Sintra, Cascais, Merida, Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Valencia & Barcelona
- Transfers airport-hotel-airport
- All hotel taxes and baggage handling of one baggage per person.

4-Star Hotels Used:

- **Madrid: Agumar ******

- Salamanca: Corona Sol ****
- Santiago: Tryp Santiago ****
- Oporto: Ipanema Palace ****
- Lisbon: Sana Metropolitan ****
- Seville: Tryp Macarena ****
- Granada: Macia Condor ****/ San Anton ****
- Valencia: Holiday Inn Valencia ****
- Barcelona: Tryp Condal Mar ****/Catalonia 505 ***

Itinerary Grand Tour of Spain & Portugal- 16 Days



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY - 16 DAYS

Day 1, Sunday: USA-MADRID

Depart your home city on an overnight trans-Atlantic flight to Madrid, Spain. Dinner, movie, and breakfast on board.

About Madrid

Madrid is the capital of Spain since 1562, a lively and modern metropolis, located in the center of the Iberian Peninsula. The city holds remarkable ancient monuments such as the Royal Palace, El Escorial, La Granja, etc. Museums in Madrid include The Prado, Reina Sofia, and Thyssen-Bornemisza



Madrid – Cibeles Fountain



Madrid – Architecture



Madrid- Puerta de Alcalá



Madrid - The Prado Museum

Day 2, Monday: MADRID

Arrival at Madrid airport. After clearing simple immigration and customs formalities, you will be transferred to your First Class hotel. It is suggested you

take advantage of the free time to get to know one of Europe's most dynamic capital cities. In the early evening, enjoy an "Illuminated Madrid" drive through the bustling streets of the old city, ending at the historical and impressive Plaza Mayor. This area is home to some of the most typical restaurants and taverns, which serve the delicious "tapas". **Tapas Dinner is included tonight.** Overnight in Madrid.

Day 3, Tuesday: MADRID

Buffet breakfast. This morning's escorted sightseeing tour will allow you to get a glimpse of some of Madrid's most outstanding attractions, like the Puerta del Sol, the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the stately Alcala Gate, the busy Gran Via, the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Oriente. Free afternoon to explore Madrid's famous Art Museums or perhaps take an optional tour to the Imperial former capital city of Toledo, where you will be escorted through its narrow cobblestone streets, soaking up the medieval atmosphere. Touring will include the interior of the magnificent Gothic cathedral and a visit to St. Tome Church, where El Greco's masterpiece painting is displayed. Overnight in Madrid.

Day 4, Wednesday: MADRID-SEGOVIA-AVILA-SALAMANCA

Buffet breakfast. Departure into old Castile and the magnificent medieval city of Segovia, with its 2000 year old Roman aqueduct and impressive Alcazar Castle. Pause in Avila to admire the perfectly preserved 11th century city walls before continuing to the charming old university city of Salamanca. Afternoon city tour. Tonight a walk through the beautiful main plaza, always lively with activity, is recommended. **Dinner is included tonight.** Overnight in Salamanca.

Day 5, Thursday: SALAMANCA-SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Buffet breakfast. Departure toward the North of Spain, entering in Galicia. Arrival to the beautiful city of Santiago de Compostela. In the afternoon guided tour of the old city of Santiago de Compostela and its beautiful Cathedral. Tonight we can have in the Hotel a nice dinner. **Dinner at your hotel is included tonight.** Overnight in Santiago.

Day 6, Friday: SANTIAGO / VIANA DO CASTELO / PORTO

Breakfast buffet. Departure to Rias Baixas to continue our journey to Portugal. Visit the town of Viana do Castelo, in the mouth of the Lima River with its historic center and castle. Continue to Porto, capital of northern Portugal in the Douro region. Overnight in Porto.

Day 7, Saturday: PORTO

Buffet breakfast. local guided city visiting one local winery. **A typical lunch is included downtown Porto.** Afternoon free. Overnight in Porto.

Day 8, Sunday: PORTO / AVEIRO / FATIMA / LISBON

Buffet breakfast and departure to Aveiro, the "city of canals" and known as the Venice of Portugal. Continue to Fatima one of the pilgrimage centers of Christianity. Free time to visit the basilica and lunch (Lunch included in PREMIUM PACKAGE) Continue to Lisbon. Tonight enjoy an optional opportunity to listen to the hauntingly beautiful Fado music while enjoying a delicious dinner. **A Fado show and dinner is included tonight.** Overnight in Lisbon.

About Lisbon

The Portuguese capital can be summed up in one word: variety: Its beautiful 12th-century cathedral ,modern bridges spanning the Tagus River, the 18th-century Aguas Livres aqueduct, and the futuristic Oriental Station. Lisbon traverses the ages. The city's many neighborhoods include Moorish Alfama, home of the city's tallest hill, and 17th-century Bairro Alto, with its hopping nightlife. Museums, castles, open-air markets, funiculars, Fado music - Lisbon's pleasures include these and much more



Lisbon



Street car Lisbon



Lisbon view from St. George's Castle

Day 9, Monday: LISBON

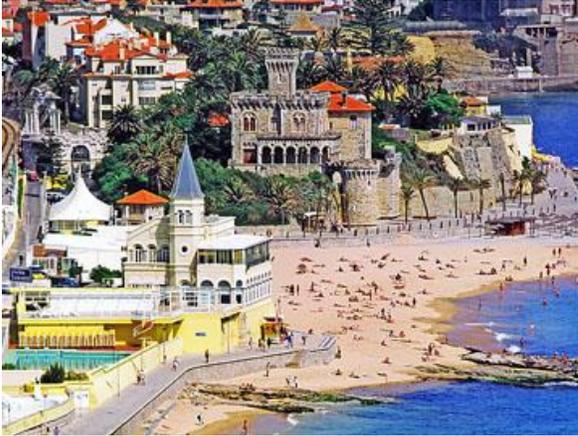
Buffet breakfast. Morning tour of this ancient and lovely city overlooking the Tagus River. Admire its splendid avenues and monuments like the Tower of Belem and the Jeronimos Monastery. **An Afternoon excursion to the charming villages of Sintra and Cascais is included today.** Overnight in Lisbon.



Pena Palace in Sintra



Sintra National Palace



Estoril



Cascais

Day 10, Tuesday: LISBON – MERIDA - SEVILLE

Buffet breakfast. Departure toward the Spanish border, and pause in Merida to admire the impressive Roman Amphitheatre archeological site. Lunch is included today downtown Merida. Continue to Seville. Overnight in Seville.



ABOUT SEVILLE

The fourth largest in Spain, this is a city humming with life and prosperity, holding magnificent buildings and monuments, and considered the most popular and attractive in the whole country. Our visit will start with the Alcazar, which served both as Palace and Fort, and will continue in the Cathedral, a unique beauty all its

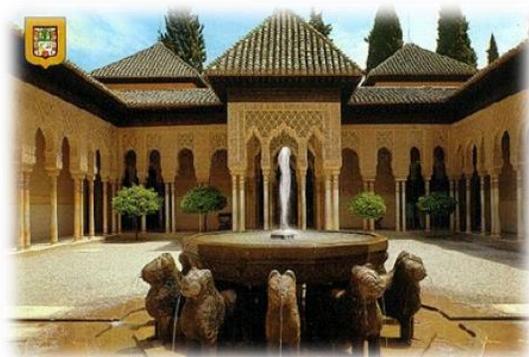
own combining old Arabic and Christian architecture. The cathedral was built on top of a former mosque and is now the third largest in the world. Adjoining it, the Giralda tower stands 322 feet high. We continue our visit to the Barrio de Santa Cruz, the old Jewish quarter where we will ramble along the narrow streets with its small bars and restaurants. Not to be missed is the beautiful Maria Luisa Park with its sunken gardens, the decorative fountains, and the lovely "azulejos" (tiles) in the Plaza de España, a semi-circular square with a great building around it. We finish our trip to Seville with a drive over the Isla de la Cartuja area, where the Universal Exposition took place in 1992.

Day 11, Wednesday: SEVILLE

Buffet breakfast. This morning's marvelous tour will explore this gracious and charming city, Spain's third largest. See the Tower of Gold, the tranquil and extensive Maria Luisa Park, the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter, and finally the huge cathedral (one of the world's largest) with its Giralda Tower (a former minaret). **(Lunch is included today)**. The afternoon is free to continue to explore or shop. This evening an optional Flamenco Show is suggested, with the enjoyment of local wine. **A superb Flamenco Show and drink is included tonight.** Overnight in Seville.

Day 12, Thursday: SEVILLE-CORDOBA-GRANADA

Buffet breakfast. Depart to Cordoba. Visit one of the world's marvels, the former Great Mosque (now a cathedral). Continue to Granada, passing thousands of acres of olive groves. **Dinner is included tonight.** This evening, we will take you to visit the quaint and typical Albaicin quarter, where Andalusian customs, music and wine join to create an enchanting atmosphere. Overnight in Granada.



Day 13, Friday: GRANADA-VALENCIA

Buffet breakfast. This morning, enjoy an escorted tour of the magnificent Alhambra and the verdant Gardens of the Generalife. At mid-day departure to the east coast of Spain arriving in Valencia in the early evening. **Dinner at your hotel.** Overnight in Valencia.



Valencia

Day 14, Saturday: VALENCIA - BARCELONA

Buffet breakfast and morning city tour of the city and the new area of Museums. In the early afternoon continuation north to Barcelona, one of Europe's most cosmopolitan cities. In the evening, it is suggested to dine at the Pueblo Español, featuring architectural replicas from all of Spain's regions. **Dinner is included tonight.** Overnight in Barcelona.

About Barcelona



Artistic building façade



Gaudí's Sagrada Familia

Barcelona is arguably the most beautiful city of Spain, well known for its dramatic architecture, gothic quarter, parks and museums, world class dining, entertainment and shopping. Barcelona is Located in a privileged position on the northeastern coast of the Iberian Peninsula and the shores of the Mediterranean. The capital of the province of Catalonia, it is unequivocally a Mediterranean city, not only because

of its geographic location but also because of its history, tradition, and cultural influences. The documented history of the city dates back to the founding of a Roman colony on its soil during the second century B.C. Modern The city's Gothic Quarter bears witness to the splendor enjoyed by the city from the 13th to the 15th centuries. The 20th century ushered in widespread urban renewal throughout Barcelona, culminating in its landmark Eixample district, which showcases some of Barcelona's most distinctive Catalán art nouveau, or modernista, buildings. Antoni Gaudí, one of the most eminent architects, designed buildings such as the Casa Milà, the Casa Batlló and the Sagrada Família church, which have become world-famous landmarks.

Day 15, Sunday: BARCELONA

Buffet breakfast. This morning enjoy an escorted tour of one of Europe's most beautiful cities. See the ancient Gothic Quarter with its magnificent cathedral. Stop to admire the exterior of Gaudi's masterwork, the Basilica of the Sacred Family (Sagrada Familia). Continue to Montjuich Hill (site of the Olympic Stadium), to enjoy a spectacular view of Barcelona and its port area. **Lunch is included today.** Afternoon free. Overnight in Barcelona.

Day 16, Monday: BARCELONA-USA

Buffet breakfast and transfer to Barcelona airport for your return flight home, arriving later today.

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